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[F5F06-F] Correspondence, General (1916)

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Description
This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1916, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1916. Included are letters from Ernest Berggren, secretary-treasurer of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., regarding Edison Phonograph Works bonds owned by Mina Edison. Also included is a letter from Charles Edison written in September while his mother was vacationing in Maine, along with a telegram by Thomas Edison urging his wife to come home "soon as possible very lonesome." In addition, there are two telegrams sent by Mina to Thomas in November on her way home from a visit to her family in Ohio. Numerous letters to and from the Universal Appraisal Co. pertain to the company's interest in appraising the contents of Glenmont. There is also correspondence with Italian composer Luigi Romano concerning his efforts to secure an autographed photograph of Pope Benedict XV for Mina.

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Title
[F5F06AA], Letter from Addie B French to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 5th, 1916

Author
French, Addie B

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Ford, Henry
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1916-01-05

Type
Letter

Subject
Newspapers, books, other publications

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...HOTEL MERRIMACK... N.H.
A. B. French & Son, Props.

Rates Reasonable

Mr Meadowcroft

No ans

FRANKLIN, N. H. Jan. 5. 1916

Dear Mrs. Edison.

I have just written a letter to your Husband asking him to send me his subscription to the Woman's National Weekly. The best all round home paper ever published. And your picture and a little article has been in it lately. — I was at the Inside Inn, the same time you and Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford were there. I am writing to you because I am afraid Mr. Edison may never see my letter. He is such a busy

man I suppose his secretary open all his mail and answer his letters put them in the waste basket as he see fit.

I am sending your husband a marked copy of the paper which explains all and why I am asking for his subscription signed by himself. It may mean much to me. If the judges think as I do about Mr. Edison being the most desirable subscriber, it will mean $10. or so to me and that is worth trying for. — I am a W.C.T.U. woman an Eastern Star and a Rebekah. Perhaps Mr. Edison is a Mason or an Odd Fellow. I am sending him a blank to sign.

Very Sincerely

Mrs. Addie B. Trulock.

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[F5F06AB], Letter from Luigi Romano to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 15th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AB], Letter from Luigi Romano to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 15th, 1916

Author
Romano, Luigi

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1916-01-15

Type
Letter

Subject
Photographs and autographs

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Mr. Meadowcroft.

Thank Mr. Romano for me and assure him that the [illegible] treated us kindly but [illegible] to obey the laws.

New York 9/6.

Esteemed Mrs. Edison.

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This morning I received a treasure in the form of a reply to my letter. I am yet greatly confused and think continually what honor to hear from you. Believe me, it is one of the most precious autographs I can save among those of the many great men I have in my possession. I will religiously keep it! These are the world's real precious treasures!! To receive a letter from illustrous men and yours is one of those that comes from the mate of the great Edison.

I feel that I must inform you of the reports in New York's daily newspapers last week regarding the death of a brother of mine in the army - a martyr for his country. For that reason I was assailed by the greatest of sorrows, but notwithstanding that fact, I became interested in the news of your recent arrest for not having renewed your automobile license. Forgetting for one minute the terrible news I had read concerning the fate of my brother, I was seized with such madness that cannot easily be described. It was a stupidity committed against you. I should have wanted to take revenge on that imbecille of a policeman, but these are things that occur only in this country. For the reasons above mentioned it was impossible for me to communicate to you my feelings of sorrow, and my hatred for that unworthy policeman.

I received this morning a letter from my mother and she tells me that my brother is well and at home enjoying a furlough and that the Roman whose death had been announced was not my brother but another. You can better imagine what a joyful day this has been to me, the good news regarding my brother and your facetious note.

Without hesitating I prepared to write the present.

It is useless to repeat my words of comfort, for the remonstrance for the automobile of the greatest hatred for that low bred, stupid policeman that caused so much gossip around the name of the greatest man of the country and of the world.

Believe me dear Mrs Edison, that in Europe people have more feeling of gratefulness than they do here towards the families of illustrious men. More such things happen also but at hearing your name the policeman would have bowed and asked forgiveness.

I swear to you on the name of my beloved mother that had I been present at the incident, at that very minute I would have committed almost anything that is little worthy to society, for your case, though the whole world would have applauded me.

It brings tears to my eyes when I think how you grateful these people are towards the great — the wife of the prince of scientists - the mate of the illustrious Edison.

Believe me had I been present I would have killed the wretch.

P.S.
I beg you to accept
my best regards and forward
my most cordial wishes
to the Illustrious Edison

Always your humble
and obedient servant,

Prof Luigi Romanez

Station S. Box 27
N. Y.

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Title
[F5F06AB1], Letter from Ernest J Berggren to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 20th, 1916

Author
Berggren, Ernest J

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison Phonograph Works

Date
1916-01-20

Type
Letter

Subject
Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Edison Kinetoscopes and Motion Picture Films.
Edison Primary Batteries. Edison Kinetophones.
Edison Dictating Machines. Edison A.C. Rectifiers.

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C. H. WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
WILLIAM MAXWELL, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
E. J. BERGGREN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

LONDON, BERLIN, PARIS, SYDNEY, BUENOS AIRES.

CABLE ADDRESS "ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Jan 20/16

Mrs. Thos. A Edison
Llewellyn Park

Dear Mrs Edison:

Please let me have your renewal Note of $10000 for the one I now have, which expired Sep 9th 1915, and also Edison Phonograph Works Bonds #157 to #168, both inclusive so that I can send the 12 Bonds I am holding to the Trust Co to be retired. Thanking you greatly oblige

Very truly yours

E J Berggren

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Title
[F5F06AC], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 24th, 1916

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Ford, Henry
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-01-24

Type
Letter

Subject
TAE friends and associates

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January 24th. 1916.

Mrs. Edison:

In regard to matters of this kind we have followed an invariable rule, and that is, not to give letters of introduction or recommendation to Mr. Ford or any of his branch places. By having this as a fixed and invariable rule we save Mr. Edison lots of trouble and annoyance.

I would suggest that a reply be sent to this letter stating that on account of the delicate relations existing between Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford that he cannot write letters to Mr. Ford or any of his branch establishments recommending or introducing any person whomsoever, as Mr. Edison wishes to avoid interfering in the slightest in Mr. Ford's business affairs.

Do you wish me to write this letter, or would you prefer to write it from the house?

Mrs. Meadowcroft
Please write it.
Wm H Meadowcroft

A. W. Gilmore,
128 W. Walnut St.,
Pasadena, Cal.

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[F5F06AD], Letter from Ernest J Berggren to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 7th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AD], Letter from Ernest J Berggren to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 7th, 1916

Author
Berggren, Ernest J

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Miller, Harry Frederick

Date
1916-02-07

Type
Letter

Subject
Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Orange, N.J., U.S.A.

Edison Diamond Disc and Amberola Phonographs and Records.
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Edison Primary Batteries. Edison Kinetophones.
Edison Dictating Machines. Edison A.C. Rectifiers.

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C. H. WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
WILLIAM MAXWELL, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
E. J. BERGGREN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
LONDON, BERLIN, PARIS, SYDNEY, BUENOS AIRES.
CABLE ADDRESS "ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Feb 7/16

Mrs Thos. A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
Dear Mrs Edison.

Pardon me for again reminding you about the 12 Edison Phonograph Works Bonds, & the new Note for $10000.00 to replace the Bonds which expired last August, & the Note which expired on Sep'g. last.

I must surrender the old Bonds to the Trust Co., at once; but before doing so I must have Bonds #15 to 168 (both numbers included), together with your renewal Note for $10000.00.

If you will kindly give this matter immediate attention and have

TRADE MARK
Thomas A Edison

Thomas A Edison
INCORPORATED
Orange, N.J., U.S.A.

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LONDON, BERLIN, PARIS, SYDNEY, BUENOS AIRES.

CABLE ADDRESS "ZYMOTIC, NEW YORK"

Mr H. F. Miller handed me the documents & will be very much obliged, and will forthwith have check made out for the Bonds.

Very truly yours

E J Berggren

Treasurer

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[F5F06AE], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 12th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AE], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 12th, 1916

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Leeming, Harry Toyne
- Requa (Edison Employee)

Date
1916-02-12

Type
Letter

Subject
Labor

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Cable Address "Edison, New York".

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J. Feb. 12th. 1916.

Mr. Meadow Cr.
Thank you. Please
notify Mrs. Requa
and don't let them
forget him

Dear Mrs. Edison:

You will undoubtedly remember that a few days ago you had a conversation with Mrs. Requa here in the Library. She came to see you about her husband, who has worked for us for some years. He was in charge of our trucking and was taken off and transferred to be a gate man at smaller pay.

I have seen Mr. Leeming about this. He says that the Trucking Department needed a much younger man than Mr. Requa, and in order to take care of our own interests they were obliged to take Mr. Requa away and substitute another man. Instead of letting Mr. Requa go altogether they found him something to do by giving him a job on one of the gates, and while this was at a lower rate of pay, it was the best that could be done at the time. Mr. Leeming says that if they can find something better for Mr. Requa later on, they will do it.

Yours very truly,

Wm H Meadowcroft

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

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[F5F06AF], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 16th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AF], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 16th, 1916

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Harstook (Fred) Studios

Date
1916-03-16

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Photographs and autographs
- Purchases

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Edison, T.A. – Family – Mina

Dear Mrs. Edison: The days No

Were these photographs ordered by you? —No—

Yours truly,

Wm. H. Meadowcroft

March 16, 1916.

Write to each who gave them the order for these photos

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[F5F06AF1], Letter from Harstook (Fred) Studios to Thomas Alva Edison, March 9th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AF1], Letter from Harstook (Fred) Studios to Thomas Alva Edison, March 9th, 1916

Author
Harstook (Fred) Studios

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Ford, Henry
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Burbank, Luther
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Ford, Edsel Bryant
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1916-03-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Photographs and autographs
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Fred Hartsook
Photographs

636 S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES
33 W. COLORADO ST., PASADENA
357 W. SECOND ST., POMONA
41 GRANT AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
408 14TH STREET, OAKLAND
41 N. FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE

San Francisco,
March 9, 1916.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
New Jersey.

Meadscraft — find out who ordered all of these —
E

STATEMENT

Shipped December 10th, 1915.

4	4- 8x10,	Mr. Ford. (bust)	$16.65
3	15- "	Group of 4	52.48
3	3 "	Edsel Ford	12.48
2	3 "	Mrs. Ford	12.48
12	12 "	Mrs. Edison	50.00
8	12 "	Group of 3	50.00
9	9 "	Mr. & Miss Burbank	37.44
	1-18x22	Group of 4	10.00
12	12 8x10	Group of 2	50.00
4	4 "	Mr. Ford	16.65
3	4 "	Mr. Edison	16.65
50	9-18x22	entire group	90.00
	1- "	Santa Rosa group	10.00
		Portrait Mrs. Edison	85.00
		TOTAL.....	$509.83

(Hartsook Studio,)
41 Grant Ave.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Perhaps my wife did
No I did not
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Title
[F5F06AG], Letter from E S Norton, Universal Appraisal Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 17th, 1916

Author

- Norton, E S
- Universal Appraisal Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Proudfoot's Commerical Agency
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
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Subject

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THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

542 FIFTH AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Mr. Meadowcroft will you have this co. looked up for me immediately

Mrs. Edison: I attach Proudfoot's report herewith. Wm Hilleadowcroft

March 17th, 1916

Charles what do you think of this?

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

Perhaps you have failed to realize that you are the one who will be called upon to furnish the details that comprise any claim you may make for the collection of insurance to cover a loss.

A fire--and there romains but ashes and memory from which to compile the necessary inventory and proof of value destroyed.

We will gladly explain how we prepare this for you before such a loss occurs, and we have a booklet telling you of the way our work is done in the house, which we will mail to you upon request.

Card enclosed for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

The Universal Appraisal Company,

E. J. Norton

Asst. Mgr.

ESN/EM.

Telephoned Proudfoot 8/1/16

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[F5F06AG1], Letter from Proudfoot's Commerical Agency to Thomas Alva Edison, March 21st, 1916

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Proudfoot's Commerical Agency

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Universal Appraisal Co

Date
1916-03-21

Type
Letter

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Finances (TAE and family)

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TELEPHONES 418 419 CORTLANDT

Proudfoot's Commercial Agency

SUITE 1108
SINGER BUILDING
NEW YORK CITY

March 21/12.

Hon. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL USE UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR CONTRACT.

Dear Sir;-

In reply to your inquiry about Universal Appraisal Co, 542-5th Ave, beg to report the office at this address is merely a branch of the company's office at 619 Perry Bldg, Phila. From information gathered here and there we compiled the following:

"The Universal Appraisal Co, 619 Perry Bldg, Phila, also 542-5th Ave, N.Y.City, was incorporated under New Jersey laws Jan. 7/10 with an authorized capital of $50,000, par value of shares being $10 each. We have been unable to ascertain the amount of paid in capital. Officers are, Minor C. Eastman (insurance, Bklyn) Pres; Geo. L. Doty (of W. B. Conrad & Co, 47 White St) V. P.;Walter G. Douglas (N.Y.City) Sec-Treas.

The business was started by Samuel S. Ellis, Jr, and Louis T. Peale, under the above firm style, some years ago. Ellis at that time was a member of the auctioneering firm of Thomas & Sons of this city, with which his father had been connected for years. Peale is an artist by profession and has resided in Phila. for some years. About a year after the incorporation of the company, Ellis withdrew. Mr. Peale is still manager of the Phila. office.

Norman C. Ackert is nominally in charge of the office at 542-5th Ave; he is a young man without any particular qualification for this line of work; his work consists principally of trying to secure contracts from householders, merchants and others who might require the services of independent appraisers - whenever a contract is secured men come over from the Phila. office to do the work. Dr. Walter G. Douglas, who is a dentist with an office at 542-5th Ave, and who is best known as an amateur billiard player and all round athlete, is regarded as the financial backer of Universal Appraisal

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Co. He was a college mate of Mr. Ellis, and when Ellis and Peale were struggling along, Dr. Douglas who has independent means, put in some money. The business did not prosper, as was expected, and Ellis withdrew after Dr Douglas got tired of Ellis's drinking habits, and had purchased his stock which carried control. Ellis is now in charge of the Home and Club Dept. of American Appraisal Co. He speaks well of Peale's ability and integrity, but admits that certain ex-employees, among them Ira B. Hast, have caused dissatisfaction and loss to some customers who lost articles when these employees were making appraisals. Hast is said to have signed a confession of theft in order to escape prosecution at the hands of Dr. Douglas. Hast is now with Continental Appraisal Co, 110 W. 34th St.

In Phila, the company is well regarded, they having done work for University of Penna, Henry W. Brown Co, Chas. B. Townsend, J. B. Lippincott, Bonwit-Teller Co, Jas. Spear, Land Title & Trust Co, Kenneth Blackiston and Harry A. Poth. These are only a few of the customers, all of whom have been satisfied with the work done. There are a few satisfied customers in and around New York.

At this time the company has all its employees bonded, which is said to be done by only one other appraisal Co. This was caused by the dishonesty of several employees several years ago. It has claimed that on several occasions employees of the above company, while engaged in making appraisals for customers, stole some of the property they were to appraise. The company made good to their clients, after which their employees made good to them and were discharged. No criminal actions were brought by the company in making settlements with employees. In return for the leniency shown them, the employees mentioned above have started rival companies or have been employed by other companies, and at every chance they knock the Universal company. Ira B. Hast was one of the above employees.

The company is well regarded locally" PROUDFOOT'S COMMERCIAL AGENCY

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Title
[F5F06AH], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Harry Frederick Miller, April 11th, 1916

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

- Ford Motor Co
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-04-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Automobiles and trucks

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SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

April 11-1914.

My dear Mr. Miller. Mr. Edison was already to pay for the food but when he saw my check all written out for it he decided that I should pay it. Now it not that you were looking after Mr. Edison's interests I would feel

very bad about it but under the circumstances I will not complain.

I've enjoyed your fruit for a long time and I trust that you will enjoy the grape fruit.

Yours sincerely
Mina Miller Edison

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Title
[F5F06AI], Letter from E S Norton, Universal Appraisal Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 24th, 1916

Author

- Norton, E S
- Universal Appraisal Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1916-07-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Property

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THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

542 FIFTH AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Give to me upon return.
Hold until I hear from Mr. Meadowcroft

July 24th, 1916.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

We are in receipt of your favor of July 21st, and are sending you a copy of our booklet under separate cover.

The scope of our service--the thoroughness with which we operate--and the particular value of a "Universal" Appraisal, are very clearly pointed out on pages one and two. On pages six and eight we have blue penciled two paragraphs that we feel will be of special interest to you. Please take time to read at least a few of the letters in the booklet, as they will give you an idea of our work, not from our standpoint, but from that of our clients. When people pay their good money for a thing, and then not only write you a good letter, but also advise their neighbors to buy--then you know there is something in it.

We should like to have an opportunity of showing you a specimen of our work and of inspecting your household furnishings, books, pictures, etc., and submitting a proposition at a fixed price for the appraisal of the same, with no obligation whatever on your part.

Hoping to hear further from you, we remain,

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY,

L. S. Norton
Asst. Mgr.

ESN/EM.

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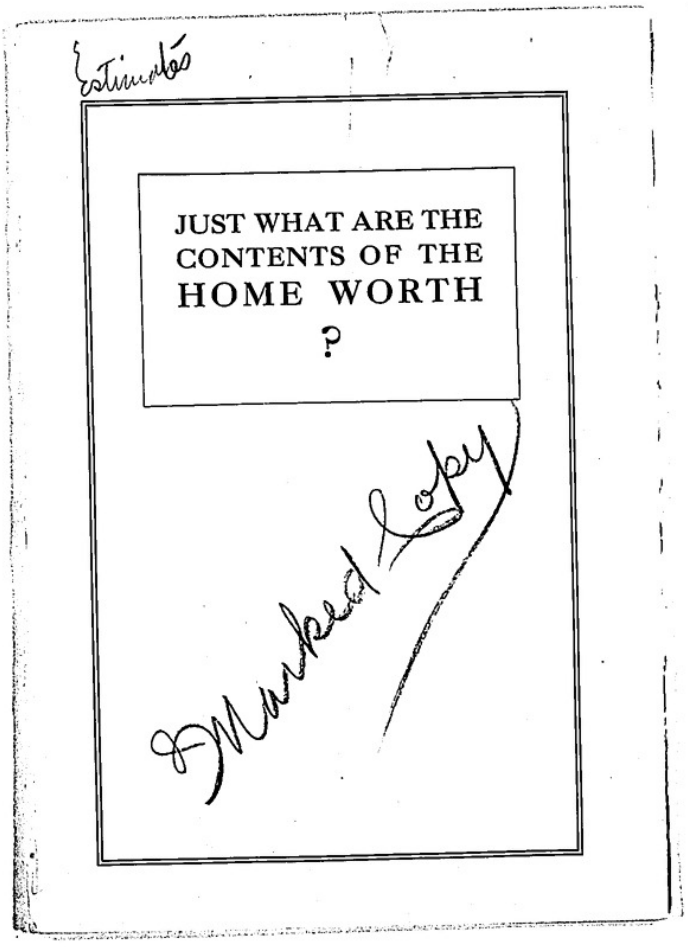

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Title
[F5F06AJ], Letter from Charles Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 12th, 1916

Author
Edison, Charles

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Monhegan Island (Maine)
- Kunz, George Frederick
- Constable, John Pierrepont
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Simpson, John Ewing Melville

Date
1916-09-12

Type
Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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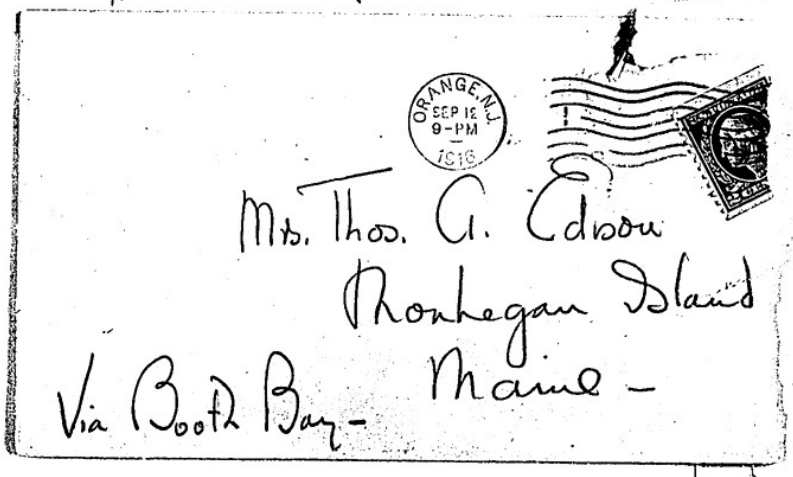
Sept 12 1916

Dearie Brother.

Your good long letter came today and was just what I needed to make me have a good day. The weather is cool and bracing - just the kind of a day to work in - and yesterday I spent in the country at the King's farm. Had a lot of health pumped into me - paddled & tramped and antibbled. It left Dad all alone all day & evening last & I have put Rem off so many



many times that I just
didn't have the heart to
do it again. Anyway
Dad shouldn't have come
home until monday —
All your predictions
about his staying indefe-
initely on his trip went
up in thin air didn't
they. Don't worry so
& take things so hard, silly —
Saturday night I
asked John Constable
to come up & he
came just as I
was writing you my
last letter — (It isn't
a bit nice to say they

[2]

are as scarce as hen's teeth
because - with the telegrams
they make quite an impressive
display - nor were they duty
letters either - !!!!)
We sat and talked with
father up till about eleven
oclock.
Everything is still going
smoothly enough and the
Simpson matter progressing
satisfactorily. There isn't
much we can do now
until he comes to trial.
Well good night mummy top.
Have a good time and altho
we both - and I mean both -
miss you more than you

dreams of we want you
to stay until you get a
really good honor bright rest
and a good time —
Still love you to death. —

CJ

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[F5F06AJ1], Telegram from Thomas Alva Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 1916

Title
[F5F06AJ1], Telegram from Thomas Alva Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 1916

Editor's Notes
Supplied year and month

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Monhegan Island (Maine)

Date
1916-09-00

Type
Telegram

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Ng Orange NJ 1 PM

Mrs Thos A Edison

Monhegan Island, Me.

Better come soon as possible very lonesome

Thos A Edison

140 PM

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Title
[F5F06AJ2], Letter from Universal Appraisal Co, C W Morgan to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 2nd, 1916

Author

- Morgan, C W
- Universal Appraisal Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Dyer, Frank Lewis

Date
1916-10-02

Type
Letter

Subject
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542 FIFTH AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I will tel them
know if I wish the
work done later.

October 2nd, 1916.

10/3

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith a list of the names of all those whose homes we have appraised in the Oranges and in your vicinity, so that you may be able to determine if the person who met with the losses you mentioned to me is one of our clients.

If you do not find that person's name on this list, you may rest assured that we did not do the work.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Morgan

CWM/EM.

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10/2/16

Appraisals made by The Universal Appraisal Company in Orange and vicinity

Hamilton Mabie----------Summit, N. J.

E. V. Connett, Jr.----------Convent, N. J.

Clemens Herschel----------Glen Ridge, N. J.

Hon. Wm. M. Johnson----------Hackensack, N. J.

Thomas P. Alder----------Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. F. A. Campbell----------Montclair, N. J.
George W. Cobb----------Montclair, N. J.
L. K. Comstock----------Montclair, N. J.
Frank L. Dyer----------Montclair, N. J.
Floyd W. Mundy----------Montclair, N. J.
Arthur T. Shand----------Montclair, N. J.
Carl Thalheim----------Montclair, N. J.
Gerard B. Townsend----------Montclair, N. J.
Sol. Wright, Jr.----------Montclair, N. J.

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Henry Shaw----------Morristown, N. J.

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D. Frederick Burnett----------Orange, N. J.
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E. A. McCoy----------East Orange, N. J.
J. B. McCoy----------East Orange, N. J.
C. M. Schultz----------South Orange, N. J.
Jos. F. Taylor----------East Orange, N. J.
William S. Yerkes----------East Orange, N. J.

Charles C. Burke----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mary deP. Charles----------Plainfield, N. J.
A. D. Findlay----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Chapman Fisk----------Plainfield, N. J.
Sherman B. Joost----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. C. T. Lincoln----------Plainfield, N. J.
George T. Manning----------Plainfield, N. J.
Henry McGee----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. P. H. Stewart----------Plainfield, N. J.
E. P. Thomas----------Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. T. A. Wells----------Plainfield, N. J.

S. P. Davidge----------Short Hills, N.J.
George E. Potts----------Short Hills, N. J.
C. E. Van Vleck, Jr.----------Short Hills, N. J.

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Title
[F5F06AK], Letter from Miller Reese Hutchison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 6th, 1916

Author
Hutchison, Miller Reese

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Burroughs, John
- Naval Consulting Board
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-10-06

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Motion pictures

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Oct. 6, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have personally secured, from the various film companies, short lengths of the following subjects:

(a) Departure of Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone for their camping trip.

(b) Mr. Edison, Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Firestone in camp.

(c) Meeting of the Naval Consulting Board in Washington, September 18th.

I have had these joined up into one film, and thought perhaps you would care to see it run off.

Whenever you are ready, please advise my secretary, the film will be sent to the Kinetophone Studio on Alden Street, and run off at your pleasure.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

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Title
[F5F06AL], Letter from Alice Brooks to Miller Reese Hutchison, October 9th, 1916

Author
Brooks, Alice

Recipient
Hutchison, Miller Reese

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-10-09

Type
Letter

Subject
Motion pictures

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My dear Mr. Hutchinson -

Mrs Edison asks me to thank you for your letter offering to arrange for her to view the various film pictures of Mr. Edison. Mrs. Edison will let you know later, through your secretary, when she can see them -

Very truly yours
Alice Brooks
Secretary

October 9, 1916.

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Title
[F5F06AM], Letter from George Grantham Bain to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 24th, 1916

Author
Bain, George Grantham

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1916-10-24

Type
Letter

Subject
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H. W. SIERICHS, GENERAL MANAGER

Oct. 24, 1916

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We want very much to have some pictures of Mr. Edison in his home. We have many snapshots of him and of you but they do not meet our need. May we send a man out some day to photograph him?

Yours Very Truly,
George Grantham Bain

Meadcraft Hasn't one
Photographer get some [illegible]
sick of so many people coming
~~photos~~

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[F5F06AN], Letter from Alice Brooks to William Henry Meadowcroft, October 31st, 1916

Author
Brooks, Alice

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Romano, Luigi
- Benedict XV

Date
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Deferred - Romano

Very dear Mr. Meadowcroft -

Mrs. Edison would like to know what should be written in regard to this matter.

Alice Brooks
Secretary

Oct. 31, 1916.

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[F5F06AO], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Helen Augusta Hayes, November 13th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AO], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Helen Augusta Hayes, November 13th, 1916

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Hayes, Helen Augusta

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-11-13

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Recording artists

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Edison, Miss M.

November 13,1916.

Miss Helen Augusta Hayes,
116 East 54th Street,
New York City,
New York.

My dear Miss Hayes:

Allow me to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Vocal Recital on next Thursday. I am still pretty closely tied down here, and only get into New York when some special errand calls, and come back on the first train that I can get. It would be impossible anyway to be away Thursday afternoon as Mr. Edison will be away, and I ought to be here.

I trust that all is well with you, and that you are kept as busy as usual. No doubt by this time you are fairly overwhelmed with work. I have no doubt of the outcome because I know the results of your work.

Allow me once more to wish you the highest kind of success, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Title
[F5F06AP], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Luigi Romano, November 13th, 1916

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Romano, Luigi

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Benedict XV

Date
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Letter

Subject
Photographs and autographs

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November 13,1916.

Prof. Luiji Romano,
Box 27, Station S,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Prof. Romano:

I am sorry for the delay about the photograph, but the fact is that Mrs. Edison does not know just what you want to have her write. Will you please explain more fully just what you wish to have done, and I will try to get Mrs. Edison to do what is required.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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Title
[F5F06AQ], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, November 20th, 1916

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-11-20

Type
Telegram

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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116NY H 10

WOOSTER OHIO 10 PM NOV 20-16

THOMAS A EDISON

LEWELLYN PARK ORANGE NJ

AM WELL WILL BE HOME WEDNESDAY MORNING LOVE TO ALL.

MINA

1131 PM

TELEPHONE NO. 257

TELEPHONE TO Watchman Margrett Hay

BY D. AT 11.33 A

DISPOSITION Del — in an

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Title
[F5F06AR], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, November 21st, 1916

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1916-11-21

Type
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Subject
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131NY H 9 ORANGE, N.J.

TELEPHONE NO. 257.

FY PITTSBURG PA 829 PM NOV 21-18

TELEPHONE TO Bittles

THOS A EDISON ORANGE NJ

BY D AT 9.05

WILL REACH PARK PLACE NEWARK SEVEN FIFTY SIX TOMORROW MORNING.

DIRECTION

MINA

904PM

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[F5F06AS], Letter from Alice Brooks to Miller Reese Hutchison, December 12th, 1916

Title
[F5F06AS], Letter from Alice Brooks to Miller Reese Hutchison, December 12th, 1916

Author
Brooks, Alice

Recipient
Hutchison, Miller Reese

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1916-12-12

Type
Letter

Subject
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MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson -

Mrs. Edison has asked me to thank you for kindly sending her copies of the two photos taken at Sandy Hook in October last.

Very truly yours

Alice Byrnes
Secretary

December 12, 1916.

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Title
[F5F06AT], Letter from Elizabeth Lasell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 14th, 1916

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Lasell, Elizabeth

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Bachman, Robert Abraham

Date
1916-12-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Religion and spirituality
- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor

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221 PARK AVENUE
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Send this list to Mr. Robert Bachman at the pattern works and ask him to return it with his comments.

Dear Mrs. Edison—

The first twelve names on the list are those of the committee who have the matter in charge, All are in the Works except three—
The other names are of men who have been at the Work, some of them for years.
When the men heard that you were interested, and would try to let

them have a room
in your church, they
were delighted, so pleased
that ladies would help
them.
You may not find the
names on the factory
books spelled as I have
written them, because
they try to shorten them
as they are so long & hard
to pronounce.
Mother wanted me to tell
you, she is so happy over
the prospect of something
being done for the Greeks.
Very Sincerely yours
Elizabeth Lasell.

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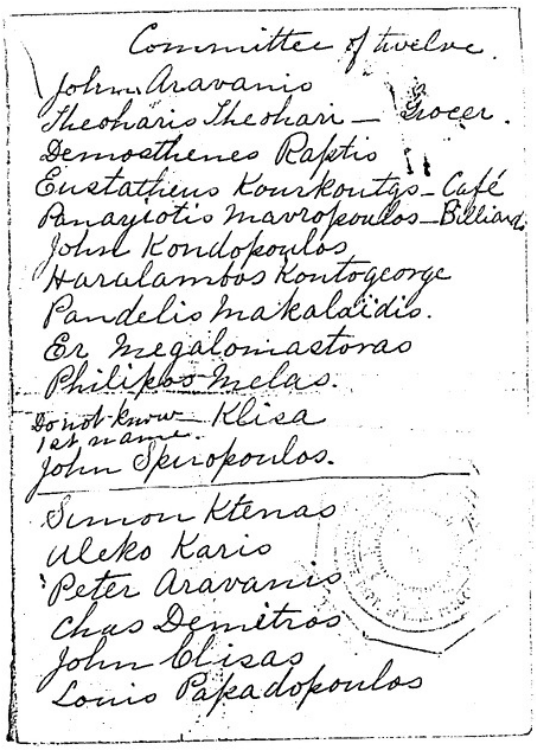

Committee of twelve.

John Aravanis
Theoharis Theohari — Grocer.
Demosthenes Paptis
Eustathius Kourkountas — Café
Panayiotis Mavropoulos — Billiard
John Kondopoulos
Haralambos Kontogeorge
Pandelis Makaldidis.
Er Megalonastoras
Philipbo Melas.
Do not know — Klisa
1st name.
John Spiropoulos.

Simon Ktenas
Aleko Karis
Peter Aravanis
Chas Demitros
John Elisas
Louis Papadopoulos

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Louis Psilos.
Louis Carouzis
Nicholas Coumdouris
Steve Campas.
John Papamcolas.
John Mouhtas.
Nicholas Demitrakis
George Krahnos.
Nicholas Contogiannis
Nicholas Pantelaros.
Spiros Jivas
George Thaskalopoulas.

Can give more names if desired